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(Washington, Aug. 15)—Sweeping investigations are underway.

Preliminary reports received from district attorneys and special agents in the Department of Justice, being received by the Attorney-general these days, are all of this same general tenor.

No previous investigation was started by the Department of Justice, reports have come in to the Attorney-general.

Without exception, they are to the effect that preliminary investigation in no instance shows warrant for generally raising food prices throughout the United States.

That the present inquiry will be a wide one and probably will not result in action by the legal department against price-hoarding methods that are actionable was made plain.

The entire corps of special agents of the Department of Justice, and district attorneys in every city and market of consequence are now on the trail of food speculators, encouraged by the Federal authorities in their general investigation.

BEET SUGAR HELD BACK

IS KANSAS CITY REPORT

One of the most interesting statements received by the Attorney-general in these reports came from the special agent in Kansas City. He reported that the beet sugar crop was being held back by parties unknown to him, and for purposes unknown to him. His investigation will be pushed to the limit.

United States Commissioner of Representatives of the department have been instructed to seek the trail of the holding sugar beet to learn just what persons are holding it where it is being held and for what reason.

The special agent in Topeka reported that the California sugar crop usually came to the market August 1 this year it did not, and none of the sugar mills had taken long to make the beets into sugar and this sugar is usually on the American market early in August. This year, no beets, not a pound is on the market. This would seem to explain to some extent the great jump in sugar prices. His report covered not only the California crop but that grown in Colorado and Northwestern States as well.

Attorney-general's special agents

today that a number of persons, including many food dealers, have been summoned to appear before a grand jury in Brooklyn next Wednesday.

CAUSE OF ADVANCE ELUSIVE

TO DEPARTMENT AGENTS

So far as the reports of district attorneys and special agents go, the "cause" of the present high prices is exceedingly elusive.

According to the statement of officials of the Department of Justice, it is not expected that the investigation

will begin immediate fruit. It will take days and weeks to secure all of the necessary data, it is declared, before there can be a report to the President upon the facts shown in official inquiry.

Officials of the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture are working with the Department of Justice agents in pushing their joint probe. Specialists in the Bureau of Commerce, Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Fisheries, of the Department of Agriculture, are devoting their time to the inquiry.

It will be several days at least before detailed reports are received from the field agents of the Department of Commerce, who have been instructed to report fully upon conditions, and to state whether or not there seems to be a concerted movement to advance prices to reap a large profit, with the war price scale as an excuse.

RETAILERS ARE WATCHED

THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Attention is to be given to importers throughout the country to determine if possible, whether or not they arbitrarily raised prices in anticipation of a rising wholesale market, taking reports that the war would increase prices.

With the general governmental inquiry about throughout the United States, price-regulated firms in Washington, and other war-appreciable change apparent in the market today.

Fruits and vegetables were cheap in the market, tomatoes selling as low as 5 cents a quarter of a peck, and potatoes for 25 cents a peck. Peaches are of unusual quality and cheap, selling as low as 10 cents a quarter of a peck.

Vegetables are proportionately cheap. City and State officials throughout the country are co-operating with the Federal authorities in their general investigation.

No session of the grand jury investigating the advance in the price of foodstuffs in the District was held today, but the inquiry will be resumed Monday.

United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson is taking an active part in the investigation, and is personally directing the government's campaign to fix the responsibility for the raising of the prices. He is keeping the Attorney-general in close touch with the progress of the investigation.

GERMAN PROCLAMATION AS TO CONTRABAND OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The State Department to-day made public the German proclamation as to contraband of war. The last corresponds as regards absolute contraband to commodities set forth in the British declaration.

As regards both absolute and conditional contraband, Germany gives notice that she will apply the provisions of the declaration of London, and that other belligerents do not disregard them.

In making public the lists, Solicitor

Johnson of the State Department said his advices were based on the most generally accepted principles of international law and usage, and are general and advisory only, the government being unable to forecast the precise course or position of the belligerent governments in particular instances.

Contracting neutrals have not been issued, but it is supposed they will follow those of England and Germany.

"Vessels flying the flag of one of the belligerents," the statement says, "are subject to seizure and confiscation by the opposing belligerents. Contraband of war on board of such vessel is, however, subject to confiscation through the property of a neutral."

Goods not contraband, belonging to a neutral aboard a captured vessel are subject to delay and interruption consequent upon the seizure of the vessel, but not to confiscation upon manifestation of neutral ownership and the noncontraband character of the goods.

When a vessel containing cargo of a neutral is captured by a belligerent court, as it will be compensated, should give notice of his claim of property to the prize court authorities and be prepared to furnish proof of his ownership and the noncontraband character of his goods.

Goods of a neutral, not contraband or war, shipped on a neutral vessel, are not rightfully subject to seizure or interpretation as contraband of the belligerent, and it is not presumed that the vessels of neutrals carrying only noncontraband cargoes will be interfered with.

The message from the German government, owing to errors in transmission, is somewhat obscure, but it is assumed to coincide with the English declaration.

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